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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 1703

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, SADD
SUBJECT: SAUDI REFUSAL TO ISSUE VISA TO NATIONAL WAR
COLLEGE (NWC) STUDENT

REF: STATE 64151

1. EXPECT THAT AMBASSADOR AKINS (WHO SCHEDULED RETURN TO JIDDA NIGHT OF APRIL 3) WILL SEE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAQQAF EITHER IN LATTER'S OFFICE ON THURSDAY OR INFORMALLY DURING MUSLIM WEEKEND. (SAQQAF RETURNED JIDDA APRIL 1). WILL RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR RAISE MATTER OF NWC STUDENT WITH SAQQAF AND POINT OUT THAT BENEFITS SAG MIGHT EXPECT TO RECEIVE BY GETTING ITS VIEW-POINT ACROSS TO SUCH A GROUP OF POTENTIAL LEADERS WILL BE NEGATED IF NWC STUDENT EXCLUDED BECAUSE OF SAUDI VISA REGULATIONS.

2. WILL RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR ASK THAT SAQQAF AUTHORIZE HANDLING PASSPORTS IN BLOCK FASHION AT RIYADH AIRPORT AND TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE AIRPORT VISA TO ANY NWC TRAVELER WHO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ONE. WILL ADVISE ASAP.

3. I HAD THOUGHT OF ASKING MOHAMMED MAS'UD'S ADVICE WHEN I SAW HIM APRIL 2, BUT DESISTED SINCE HIS ATTITUDE ON SUCH MATTERS VIRTUALLY SAME AS KING'S.
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